

Baseball Bits

KEY DATES

Feb 22	Registration Ends (Refund Deadline)
Mar 10	Evaluation Day (Ages 7-12)
Apr 3	Coaches Meeting
Apr 8	Games Begin (Prep/Middle School)
Apr 8	Practices can begin
Apr 12	You should hear from your coach no later than... (Ages 4-12)
May 4	Games Begin (Ages 7-12)
May 11	Games Begin (Ages 4-6)

AGING DATE

The Columbus Parks & Recreation leagues are governed by Babe Ruth so we follow their aging date of **April 30th** of the current year. A player's age on 4/30/2013 will determine what league he/she plays in this year. Please contact your division manager or Donner Center (812-376-2680) with any questions.



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EVALUATION DATE

All participants in the 7-12 year old divisions will attend the "Evaluation Day" on March 10. Location and times will be announced at a later date. In an effort to provide team parity, all participants will be evaluated to better place them on a team. Attendance of the evaluation is important as ALL participants will be evaluated based on the same criteria. Each child will participate in a series of baseball skills assessment drill at various stations. When all of the stations have been completed, the child is done with the evaluation. American and National divisions will be formed based on the evaluation results. American and National divisions will be combined if attendance is low.

GAME DAYS

T-Ball (Ages 4-5)	Saturday Morning
Jr Coach Pitch (Ages 5-6)	Saturday Morning
Coach Pitch (Ages 7-8)	Monday-Thursday
Pee Wee (Ages 9-10)	Monday-Thursday
Midget (Ages 11-12)	Monday-Thursday
Prep/Middle School (Ages 13-15)	Monday-Thursday

CANCELLATIONS

Games—If the weather is questionable, call the Parks and Recreation Activity Line (812)376-2682, listen to local radio stations, check the soccer webpage or check out the Parks and Rec Facebook page.

Practices—Call your child's coach for the status of practices. The Parks and Rec staff will not have that info.

DIVISION MANAGERS

The Division managers are the critical link between the coaches and the baseball board. They also better link Parks and Recreation to the coaches.

Division Managers are empowered to handle many situations as they arise throughout the baseball season. Division Managers are often coaches themselves. Their closeness to practices and games of the other coaches make them the perfect accessible contact.

T-Ball	Oscar Rains	(812)799-0225
Jr CP	John Boldrey	(812)372-5994
CPA	Paul Drake	(812)390-0299
CPN	Larry Thrasher	(812)375-1288
Pee Wee	Brad Glenn	(812)342-1411
Midget/Prep	Brad Glenn	(812)342-1411

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

T-Ball/Jr Coach Pitch	Coach Pitch/Pee Wee/
What happens if a game is cancelled because of bad weather? Make up games are played on Sunday with games beginning at 1pm.	What happens if a game is cancelled because of bad weather? Make up games are scheduled for the first available Friday. Coaches will let players know make up dates.
How long is the season? There are 6 games beginning May 11, all on Saturdays.	How long is the season? It is a 10 game season with a single elimination tournament. The season begins with a jamboree on Sat. May 5th.
Are there awards? Yes! All participants receive one.	Are there awards? Yes! All CP American participants receive an award. CP National, Pee Wee and Midget leagues give awards for 1st & 2nd place.

BACKGROUND CHECKS & CODE OF CONDUCT

In a continuing effort to provide a pleasant environment for youth to learn as well as reduce the potential for abuse of children in its programs, the Parks and Rec Dept. will continue to enforce the Code of Conduct adopted in 2004 and require background checks for all department employees and volunteer coaches. Both the Background Check Policy and the Code of Conduct are available on our website—www.columbusparksandrec.com. **All parents should read the Code of Conduct!!**

Please feel free to call Mark Jones or Patrick Senn at (812)376-2680 with any questions.

PREP LEAGUE

The prep leagues will be divided into two age groups. The 13 year olds will be in one league and the 14-15 year olds will be in another. Players cannot be playing on a high school team. Travel is required for both leagues. If enrollment is low, the age groups may be combined. All players must attend the evaluation days.

The Prep league evaluation days are TBA. Registered participants will be called with this information.

WHAT TO EXPECT...

When will I hear from my child's coach?

All coaches will receive their rosters by April 3rd. They have until April 12th to call you.

Can my child change teams if he/she cannot make it to practice?

NO. Instead we require coaches not to cut a child's playing time simply because they are not able to make it to practice.

What if I have a problem?

See your coach first. If that does not help, contact your Division manager (see front).

What about uniforms?

Each player ages 5-8 will receive a t-shirt and cap. Pee Wee, Midget and Prep teams also receive hats and t-shirts which are sponsored by local businesses. Coaches will distribute uniforms prior to the first game.

How can I get involved?

We are always looking for people to assist in any way. Call Mark Jones at (812)376-2680.

COLUMBUS WILDCATS

This is the travel team division with the Columbus Babe Ruth Baseball and the official representation of the program in the Babe Ruth Tournament. Six teams are offered: Coach Pitch (8), 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 year olds. Team are selected from published, open try-outs of all participants in the Parks and Recreation program.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Do you have questions that aren't answered here? Need additional info?

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